

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the continued allowance of claims 164-166 and 168-170.

As a second preliminary matter, the drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Applicants submit that this objection is moot in view of the amendments to the claims herein.

As a third preliminary matter, the Specification stands objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) for introducing “new matter” into the Disclosure. While Applicants do not agree with this assertion, Applicants submit that this objection is also rendered by the amendments to the claims herein.

Claims 150-151, 154-155, and 162 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Although Applicants also disagree with this rejection as well, the rejection is nevertheless rendered moot by the cancellation of all of these claims herein.

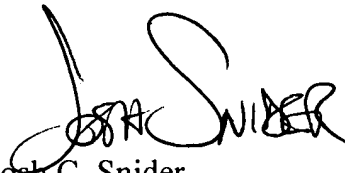
Because the only amendments being made to the claims herein is the cancellation of rejected claims, these amendments are merely formal in nature, and therefore both appropriate and necessary for entry after final rejection.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 164-166 and 168-170, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should he find that any further issues related to patentability exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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